



Little Boys Can Become Ivy Leaguers

Little boy fashions this spring are junior chips off the Ivy League block.

For packets, slim stripes in such rich color combinations as red and gray, brown and black and yellow and brown dominate the little boy scene. Close seconds are glen and madras plaids and manly houndstooth checks.

Whatever the pattern, jackets are Ivy-League-styled.

Teamed with the jackets are solid-color coordinated pants in short or long lengths and often with back straps and buckles.

Bermuda shorts are popular, while striped knickers provide a new note.

A three-piece set, consisting of sports coat, gabardine slacks and a bulky pullover with continental collar trimmed to match the slacks, makes a particularly good-looking outfit.

Tweed is a favored fabric for little boys. Besides lightweight wools, many of the tweeds are cotton, silk or synthetic blends.

Gray pin-striped flannel and rayon flannel are two other handsome spring suitings.

Highlighting many garments is the silky look. Silk or rayon threads are woven through woolen, blended and cotton fabrics, giving a smooth, decorative appearance to little boys' spring clothes.

BELTS ARE BACK

Belts return to the fashion spotlight. Besides leather and fabric belts, spring features a variety of cummerbunds and sashes.



HIS FASHION . . . Ombre stripes in shades of brown are featured in this lightweight worsted wool suit. It has two-button closing and long, narrow lapels.

Comfortable Old Shoes May Cause Foot Damage

"I have never liked that old saying 'comfortable as an old shoe'" says famed stylist Claire McCardell in her new book, "What Shall I Wear?"

"An old shoe may give the illusion of comfort but may at the same time be doing untold harm to the bones in your feet," she says.

DESIGNED FOR BRIDES

Brides who want a change from traditional white can choose from wedding gowns in combinations of pale yellow and white or gray and white embroidery on pink, as well as all-over pink or ice blue gowns.

'Shoe Sheath' Is New Fashion

The "shoe sheath," the footwear counterpart of the basic sheath dress, is the big news in shoe styles for Spring 1957. The closed-up look, fore and aft, highlights the new shoes. Showing your toes comes under the category of "indecent exposure." Like the sheath dress, the shoe sheath is slim in silhouette, and it is crafted of leather that can translate the figure-hugging qualities of the sheath dress into the foot-hugging fit of the elegant pump.

The shoe sheath, with its subtle details, has been designed especially to be worn with the soft-feminine styles that will characterize spring apparel.

When you shop for spring shoes you will want to look closely at the fine details, the small—but important—differences which distinguish this season's pumps.

Sidelines Straighter
Note the straighter sidelines. See how often you find a higher riding look created by tongue or peak details on the vamp. Feel the toe of the shoe. Not only is it more pointed than you have been accustomed to, but it is also softer. Examine the trimmings. See how they have been placed to enhance the overall design of the shoe.

Footwear Style Features New Tapered Toes

The best way to tell a 1957 auto from the 1956 version may be to look at the tail light or the grill work. To tell a 1957 shoe from last year's model just compare the toes. You'll soon notice how many of the toes this spring are more tapered and even pointed.

If you want to show off your pointed toe shoes to best advantage, choose a glossy leather, either smooth calf or kidskin, or shimmering suede.

Another way to accent the tapered toe and make it look even more pointed, is to choose a style that is trimmed to lead the eye to a point.

Shoe Can Help Safe Driving of Automobile

A brake is not better than the foot that presses it—and when that foot is a woman's in a high-heeled shoe there's danger ahead. The National Safety Council reports numerous accidents result when women motorists lose control of their car because their high-heeled shoes slip off the pedal. So—check your shoes as you check your brakes.

The safest shoes for driving are shoes with leather uppers and soles that have a well-based heel no higher than 1½ inches. This heel will put your foot at the best angle. Leather, being pliant and supple, supports your foot yet gives its muscles the freedom to move quickly.

Don't wear shoes that are too light or that pinch—you may be thinking too much about that pain in your foot to notice the car about to crown you on the turn.

And don't wear rubber soles, which are a hazard in wet weather. They can slip off the foot pedals in the same way that tires skid on a wet highway. Leather soles provide a firm footing under all conditions.

'Wash-Wear' Togs Popular

Wash-and-wear togs are expected to be bigger than ever in men's wear, this spring and summer. Made in cords, seersuckers and suits resembling tropical worsteds, they will come in a wide range of light, medium and dark shades. Construction has been improved, and some blends weighing as little as 5½ ounces a yard are being used.

Newly introduced in this field are the "automatic wash-and-wear" suits for which it is said that the only effort needed to keep one trimly pressed and fresh is the energy it takes to place it in the automatic washer and modern tumble dryer. These suits are reported ready to slip on, neatly pressed, when they emerge from the dryer.

GREEN HATS IN UPSWING

Men's hats this Spring will be mainly in medium shades. Grey and brown colors will be dominate although shades of green are due to enjoy more popularity than in many a year. Mixtures will challenge solid colors for the favor of buyers.

Many novelties have come into the hat fabric picture, including a "crushable" fur-nylon blend felt number, but felts will not be budged out of their Number One spot.

The recent highly favored "flat-top" model, however, may have passed its zenith and may be replaced this Spring by the variation of the pork-pie model with the pre-blocked crown known as the "tight telescope" and the new drop-tip felts.

Hat shapes are growing narrower and narrower, with brims no wider than 1½ inches no longer considered a rarity.

You will find textured leathers in surfaces and colors that will be right for dress wear, a host of others just suited to your around-the-house, sport or casual activities, and still others excellent in their traditional role in tailored shoes.

Sandals Are Closed
While pumps head up spring fashions, they by no means monopolize the scene. Closed toe sandals—particularly mules—are now a year-round favorite style with many women. You can find mules on medium heels as well as on the very high ones, and they are styled for street-wear, as well as after dark.

Closed toes are an added feature on the sling, another sandal style. Now women who like slings, but do not like open toes, can have their cake and eat it too.

Slings, whether with open or closed toe, have undergone a change in recent months. You will notice that the sidelines are dipped down toward the sole. Try on a pair of slings in one of the new leather colors and walk up to the mirror. You will see that the sides almost disappear, giving a very open look to the shoe.

If it is an open look you want, there are several other sandal silhouettes that will appeal to you. One is the T-strap and another the instep strap. Both are executed in smooth or textured leather.



IVY LEAGUE . . . Campus influence is seen in the return to wool caps as a major headgear fashion. This one is by Stetson, and is gray glen plaid with ivy buckle in back.

SURPLICE STYLED

Graceful newcomers among cashmere sweaters is a surplice style which buttons just at the waist, with three large pearl buttons. Cross-over front closing is outlined in a wide band of self cashmere.

SHAPES, TRIMS GIVE DISTINCTION TO BELT

Narrow belts in unusual shapes and wider ones with decorative accents add drama to spring outfits.

In the first category are belts with scalloped edges and belts dipping from high in front to low in back. Others are inter-woven bands of leather.

Girdle-like belts in suede or kid, for evening, are often draped, tucked or pleated, and usually have giant jeweled buckles.

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Formals for juniors display variety in length as well as style this spring. There's new emphasis on floor lengths and in-between lengths.

Juniors like the new look of slim-skirted formals ending about eight inches from the floor. There's interest, too, in irregular hemlines, high waistlines marked with bands, roses and floating panels, and the back-moving overskirt treatment for slender formals.

Soft, lady-like styling in such light, airy fabrics as chiffon, silk organza, lace and eyelet are favored.

Many full-length junior formals are teamed with coordinating full-length capes.

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